

USRA/PSF Suborbital Workshop

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Background: DC-X Reusable Suborbital

- Delta Clipper Experimental
- Developed 1990's by Strategic Defense Initiative Office (Star Wars)
- Built by McDonnell-Douglas
- Transferred to NASA DC-XA
- \$80M Government investment
- 13 successful flights
- Program killed by line-item-veto
- Technology abandoned by DoD
- Avionics and software spun-out under Pete Conrad (cmdr. Apollo 12)
- Software and avionics team still together





TGV Rockets & DC-X Heritage

- Restart of Delta Clipper (DC-X) Project
 CEO involved in support of program (1989-1995)
 1996 Program killed/TGV formed to commercialize concept
 Design/Operate VTVL RVL for DoD/Commercial Market
- Commercialization of the DC-X start with DC-X concept improve operability/responsiveness/reliability reduce logistical tail improve mobility improve performance
- Continuity of Team and Technology
 DC-X Team Members
 Chief Engineer + 4 key disciplines
 Reuse software and avionics design





"Leverages Government Investment into New Launch Technologies"



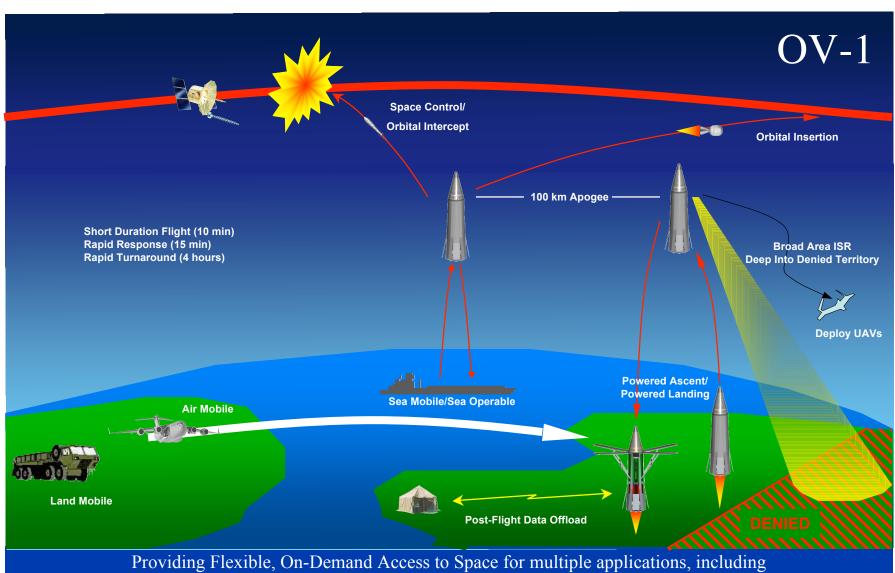
Enabling Capabilities

- Fieldable-Transportable Responsive Launch Vehicle
 - Self-contained system transportable anywhere in the world
 - Launch and land with minimal infrastructure
 - Rapid turn-around (less than 8 hrs)
- Large, Heavy lift to Near Space
 - Large volume: easy installation, large critical dimensions
 - Performance: big suborbital payloads small orbital payloads
- Tailored/Controllable High Altitude Deployment
 - Low speed-to-stationary release
 - Moderate supersonic Mach boost
 - 0-100 deg pointing and deployment attitudes
- Returnable Payload Service
 - Lower user costs
 - Payload retrieval
 - Intact abort capability







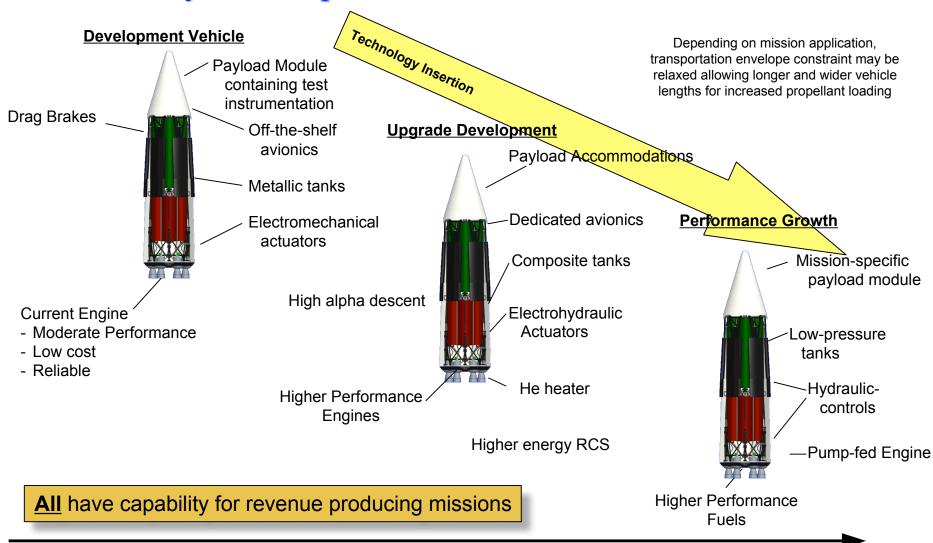


Providing Flexible, On-Demand Access to Space for multiple applications, including broad area ISR, micro-satellite launch, space control, target launch and space hardware test and evaluation.



Introduction (cont)

Evolutionary Development Path





Platform Capabilities

1000 KG 100 KM Price Target \$500-1000/KG